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With the present issue THE PRESS enters its sixteenth volume.

JAMES SEIBERT has the call for the office of state auditor to succeed himself.

"SILVER DICK" BLAND has come squarely to the front among the presidential possibilities.

With a free silver platform and Richard P. Bland as our candidate, where will McKinley and his high-tariff heresies land?

The State Horticultural society will hold its summer meeting at Jefferson City June 23 and 24.

STODARD COUNTY republicans endorsed Cahoon for governor, Moses Whybark for supreme judge and N. A. Mozley for congress.

LOX V. STEPHENS seems to be in the lead for the nomination for governor. His record as treasurer and devotion to the interests of the people should tell largely in his favor.

THERE seems to be a growing doubt in some parts of the country as to the advisability of meeting the currency issue by offering a candidate for president who simply represents high tariff.

NEXT Thursday the St. Louis Post-Dispatch will commence the publication of a weekly. It will be an eight-page paper, full of news and an advocate of the democratic policy of free silver. Subscription price, 50 cents a year.

SENATOR CULLOM of Illinois, who imagines that he resembles the late A. Lincoln and thinks it should give him a boost for the presidency, punctured a tire at the Springfield convention the other day and is pretty much out of the race.

WE want to guarantee that when Prof. Vandiver concludes to withdraw from the congressional race he won't announce it in the Globe-Democrat. Some papers in the southeast should be more careful, and always make due allowance for the source of such reports. Our attention was called to the item in the G.D., but knowing it to be a fake we paid no attention to it. It looks now like Prof. Vandiver will be in the race long after Mozley, Snider et al. have flung up the sponge.

A WASHINGTON dispatch says the republican national convention at St. Louis will declare against the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 and for gold as the monetary standard of the United States.

That this will be the action of that convention on the currency question is unerringly indicated by the platforms adopted by the state republican conventions which have been held.

Conventions have now been held in 28 states, and in all but five of these some expression on the currency question was made by resolution. The five states which failed to adopt planks concerning gold and silver were Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia, Kansas and Florida, all southern states but one.

The resolutions adopted by the 23 state conventions vary somewhat in phraseology and intent, but may easily be divided into three classes:

1. For the gold standard without reservation or qualification.

2. For maintenance of the exist-

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ing gold standard and opposition to the free coinage of silver until bimetalism can be brought about by international agreement.

3. For the use of so much silver in the currency as can be maintained at parity with gold, expressing or implying opposition to the free coinage of silver.

4. Of doubtful meaning, or for bimetalism undertaken by this country alone, or openly or covertly favoring the free coinage of silver.

Analysis of the platforms adopted by the 23 state conventions shows that the republicans of those states whose expressions are to be placed in the first three classes are opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver. Only the last named class may be suspected of favoring free coinage.

Figures Don't Lie.

EDITOR OF THE PRESS: I am not accustomed to writing for publication, but my attention has been called to an article in the Lutesville Banner of April 30 last, which claims that our republican county court has saved the taxpayers the neat little sum of \$5,500 during the year ending March, 1896, and, being one of the taxpayers of Bollinger county, I was of course very much pleased to read of the good work. But I turned to the MARBLE HILL PRESS containing the financial statement, made and certified to by the county clerk, and compared it with the one made and printed a year ago and I find to my sorrow that some one has misrepresented the matter.

Now, what we voters want is the TRUTH. We don't care whether it comes from republicans or democrats. We are laboring for a common interest in building up our county and should vote for the party that will save the farmers and taxpayers the most money.

Since reading the Banner and THE PRESS of April 30 I have examined files of one year ago, one of which contains the first financial statement made by the present authorities, and I find the following to be the fact:

Debt of the county March, 1895...\$17,486.56

Debt March, 1896.....10,313.57

Decrease.....\$ 7,172.99

Thus I find \$1,173.99 claimed as a saving by the present administration over the democratic court which preceded it. Will some professor who is good in figures be kind enough to tell me where the balance of the \$5,500 is gone? I have listened to the vaporings of my republican brethren long enough, and when I found a difference of \$4,227.01 between their claims and the figures of their court I concluded to investigate the matter for myself.

I find, by carefully figuring, that after all the promises made by them during the canvass of 1894 these great reformers could not have saved, under the same circumstances,

one cent more to the taxpayers than the democratic administration did. Now let's see the difference:

First, I find in the financial statement of March, 1895, all the election expenses of 1894, amounting, say, in round numbers, to \$600. And then I find the criminal costs of 1895 to be much less than in 1894 over which I know that no one party has control. Some years we have a great many small misdemeanor cases and in other years there are very few. In this particular our present authorities have had an advantage over the former administration and have saved up somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,000 that they are not entitled to claim credit for, as it was a matter, as I said above, over which they had no control.

Second, the present administration received the sum of \$544.57 from foreign insurance companies, under a new law, that our former court did not have the benefit of. Assuming, then, that the statements of the county clerk are correct, and putting all these items together, I fail to discover any savings.

There is another matter that I desire to mention. Referring to my tax receipt, I see that the county court last year made the same levy for county purposes that the democratic court had been making, and of course should raise the same or a little more revenue. During the canvass of 1894 I heard one of the present county judges question the legality of the special levy of 10c on the hundred dollars, and I looked for lower taxes, for I didn't think they would continue a levy they denounced as illegal and unwarranted, but I suppose in order to make a good showing they continued the "robbery" they accused the democrats of. I wonder if they will make the same "unwarranted" levy this year?

As this is my first I will let up, in the hope that some friend will relieve my mind by finding that shortage of the Banner, according to the financial statement, of \$4,227.01. Where is it? A TAXPAYER.

James Matney, who killed Revenue Collector Mont Wade, was tried last week at Benton and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

Jefferson City Tribune: The candidacy of State Auditor Seibert is being very generally and strongly indorsed by the democratic newspapers in all parts of the state. He is in full accord with the party on the silver question, and his record as an efficient and faithful public servant makes his nomination a foregone conclusion.

Gov. W. J. Stone, Gen. Odon Guitar, of Columbia, Mayor John L. Bittinger, editor of the St. Joseph Herald, Judge John A. Hoekaday of Fulton and Mayor Edwin Silver of Jefferson City, will be the speakers at the dedication of the Jefferson City bridge May 21. Arrangements for the big celebration are about complete and Jefferson City would like to entertain the entire state on that occasion. Very low rates have been made by the railroads and it is expected that fully 25,000 people will visit Jefferson City on the day the bridge is dedicated.

Executors, administrators, guardians and curators who are required by law to exhibit their accounts for settlement on the day below named at the May term, 1896, of said court, to be begun and holden at the court house in Marble Hill, Bollinger county, Mo., commencing Monday, May 11, 1896:

Monday—Henry Bollinger, estate of W. D. Bollinger; Seabert I. Spencer, estate of Charles Barks; F. G. Lambert, estate of James D. Barber; D. F. & A. H. Bollinger, estate of Frederick Bollinger. Tuesday—W. K. Chandler, estate of Geo. W. Call; John A. Miller, estate of Sidney R. Casey; Wm. S. King, estate of Joseph W. Engle, et al; H. J. Murray & C. M. Heitman, estate of H. A. Heitman; Sanford Cato, estate of John and Della Harper.

Wednesday—C. M. Heitman, estate of Frank W. Heitman, et al; August Lohbargo, estate of Nora Jackson; Wm. H. Kegley, estate of A. D. Kegley; J. M. Zimmerman, estate of West Lysenbee, minor heirs.

Thursday—Daniel F. Myers, estate of Elizabeth Myers, an insane person; C. M. Heitman, estate of Romantus Myers;

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Friday—J. W. Hahn, estate of Louisa and Nancy Perkins; A. S. Perkins, estate of Elisha and Thomas Perkins; John M. Johnson, estate of Julius Smith; John W. Revelle, estate of Grover and G. F. Statler; J. G. Glasener, estate of Sherman Sylcox; Eli Hahn, estate of Dora M. Seabaugh; Alfred Shell, estate of Louisa Shell, et al.

Saturday—F. M. Wells, estate of G. G. Stader; J. V. Slinkard, estate of A. J. Sylcox; Isaac Sturgeon, estate of Arthur L. Thurston, et al; F. F. Lambert, estate of Mariah White; Joseph E. Baker, estate of Geo. W. Whitaker; F. G. Lambert, estate of John D. Cook.

To Contractors.

The undersigned will receive sealed bids for the construction of a Foot Bridge across Crooked creek, between Marble Hill and Lutesville, until May 16, 1896. Plans and specifications may be seen at my office. Bond and approved security for the faithful performance of the work will be required and the right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

C. M. WITMER, Sec.

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L. P. RUFF, DENTIST.
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St. Louis, Mo.

HENRY N. PHILLIPS,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Poplar Bluff, Missouri.
Will attend all terms of Circuit court in Bollinger county.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of E. F. Williams, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Probate court of Bollinger county, Mo., March 18, 1896. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit the same to the undersigned for allowance within one year from the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from date of publication they will be forever barred. April 9, 1896.

M. H. WILLIAMS, Administrator.

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Trustee's Sale Under Deed of Trust.

Whereas, John W. Watkins and Emma D. Watkins, his wife, by their certain deed of trust, dated March 19, 1894, and recorded in recorder's office of Bollinger county, Missouri, in trust deed book 34, at page 125, conveyed to Jesse Hawn, trustee, the following described real estate, lying, being and situate in the county of Bollinger and state of Missouri, to-wit:

Part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section twenty-five township thirty-three, range ten, having the public road the line, containing twenty acres, more or less, lying south of public road.

Whereas, it is provided in said deed of trust that in case of failure or refusal of said parties of the first part to pay said debt or the interest thereon or any part thereof when the same or any part thereof becomes due and payable according to the true tenor, date and effect of said notes, then the whole shall become due and payable. And whereas said debt has long since become due and payable according to the true tenor, date and effect of said note and remains unpaid.

Therefore I, Jesse Hawn, trustee, as aforesaid, at the request of the legal holder of said note, and by virtue of the power and authority in me vested and pursuant to the provisions of said deed of trust, will on

Monday, May 11, 1896,

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day at the front door of the courthouse in the town of Marble Hill, Bollinger county, Missouri, proceed to sell the above described real estate to the highest bidder for cash in hand, for the purpose of satisfying said deed of trust together with the cost and expenses of executing the same.

Jesse Hawn, Trustee.